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SUBJECT: PLO OFFICIAL INTERPRETS ARAFAT'S HARD-LINE SIDON SPEECH

- 1. VISITING BRITISH JOURNALIST TOLD POLOFF THAT DURING CONVERSATION IN BEIRUT WITH SENIOR PALESTINE NEWS AGENCY (WAFA) OFFICIAL ON NOV 8, HE WAS GIVEN EXPLANATION FOR ARAFAT'S DEFIANT NOV 6 SPEECH IN SIDON IN WHICH HE REJECTED WITHDRAWAL FROM THE SOUTH AND VOWED THAT PALESTINIANS WOULD FIGHT TO LIBERATE ALL OF PALESTINE.
- 2. ACCORDING TO WAFA OFFICIAL, PALESTINIANS WERE UPSET BECAUSE LEBANESE WERE ATTEMPTING TO CHANGE SHTAURA AGREEMENT SO THAT PALESTINIANS WOULD BE REQUIRED TO WITHDRAW NORTH OF THE LITANI. HE ASSERTED THAT THESE NEW DEMANDS AND THE SPREADING BELIEF THAT THE RIGHTIST MILITIA WOULD EXPLOIT THE WITHDRAWAL WERE WHAT PROMPTED THIS POSTURE. CONFIDENTIAL

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